



THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Summer 2014

Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman
(860) 870-3100

As I write this in the last days of April, there are important Town happenings to bring to your attention.

SENIOR CENTER: A formal Grand Opening of the new Ellington Senior Center at 40 Maple Street was held on April 5, attended by more than enough people to fill its 'great room'. If you haven't had an opportunity to see the place and want to do so, call the Center at (860) 870-3133 and make an appointment to get a tour. Already there are many more ongoing activities than could be accommodated at the old Center, and the staff extends an invitation particularly to Ellington seniors with few opportunities for physical or mental challenges in their personal environment; you may find something here you need or really enjoy.

Besides the landscaping that is now waiting only for the weather, a few details remain to be completed, but most areas are in use and undergoing a shakedown period over the next year. It's active, engaged, alive with activity, and already has more requests than its budget will support.

CONSTRUCTION: Supported wholly by a State grant, the Human Services and Recreation Department building at 31 Arbor Way is expanding, to deal with the increase in activity over the years, to provide space for private client-counselor meetings and small group programs, and to make available dry storage space for equipment and the food pantry. With siding just installed, the building looks ready from the outside; the full project should be complete by summer's end.

By the time you get this newsletter, work on the expansion and renovation of Crystal Lake School (284 Sandy Beach Road) should be well underway. It should be ready for opening day in the fall of 2016.

PERSONNEL: **Peter Rafe Williams** retired April 3rd after 17⁺ years on the job, and Raymond Martin took over as Building Official on May 4 after two weeks overlap. Ray has many years of hands-on experience in the construction trades, comes highly recommended by peers, and is professional in demeanor and easy to talk to. His office is located in the Town Hall Annex at 57 Main Street.

Atherton Ryan (Joe) has announced his upcoming retirement from the position of Ellington Town Attorney. Starting over 50 years ago he worked on Town matters for ten years in the office of Ellington Town Attorney Robert D. King, and over the last 40 years has served for 25 years as Ellington Town Attorney in his own right. I've learned to appreciate, respect, and rely on the institutional memory about our Town that he brought every day to the position. He will be sorely missed.

VOTE: You should be getting this CONNECTION just about the date that the 2014-2015 Ellington Grand Total Budget goes to referendum in the amount of \$51,577,732. It's estimated that this will increase the tax rate by 1.06%, from 28.4 to 28.7 mills. If this reaches you early enough, note that voting for all will be May 20 at Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street, in the lobby of the auditorium located at the rear entrance, from 6 am to 8 pm.

Maurice Blanchette

Memorial Day Parades - Monday, May 26

Crystal Lake: 9:00 a.m.

At approximately 9:00 a.m. a parade will begin from the Crystal Lake section of Town, where Green Street intersects with Route 140, and end at the Crystal Lake Cemetery where a brief service will be held.



Ellington Center: 10:30 a.m.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the High School. At the conclusion of the program (approximately 11:30 a.m.), a parade will begin from Ellington High School and proceed to the Ellington Green and then to the Ellington Cemetery for brief memorial tributes at each location.

Stephen C. Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools
(860) 896-2300 ~ ellingtonschools.org



On Wednesday, April 23, 2014, Board of Education Chairperson Dan Keune presented the first Ellington Friend of Education Awards. In 2013 the Ellington Board of Education approved Policy 1170 creating the Ellington Friend of Education Award to recognize the selfless and valuable contributions made by citizens to enhance the learning and the lives of the students and staff of the Ellington Public Schools. That policy states *"The Ellington Board of Education establishes a Friend of Education Award to be awarded to an individual who, outside the scope of his or her employment, has made a significant contribution to the enhancement of education in the Ellington Public Schools."*

At its March 2014 meeting, the Ellington Friend of Education Selection Committee unanimously approved Mr. James Connolly and Mr. Morris Webber as the 2014 recipients of the Ellington Friend of Education Award. Mr. Connolly and Mr. Webber were presented with recognition plaques for their outstanding service at the Board's regular meeting in April. A memorial plaque that will contain the name of all recipients of this award has been placed in the Board of Education meeting room.

Mr. Connolly was selected for this award for his work as the President of the Ellington Community Scholarship Association (ECSA) since 2004. When Mr. Connolly took on the presidency of ECSA the organization's total assets were approximately \$80,000. Those assets are currently over \$400,000. As a result of his work, each year ECSA is able to award an increasing amount of money to Ellington students while maintaining its ability to grow assets.

Annually, Mr. Connolly oversees the ECSA Phone-a-thon, a community outreach which brings together students and adult volunteers who call upon Ellington residents and other supporters to contribute to ECSA and provide funds for the scholarships awarded each year. In his ten years, Mr. Connolly has worked tirelessly and successfully to increase the number of permanent funds which are at the heart of ECSA's assets.

Mr. Connolly established an annual awards ceremony during which the scholarships are presented. Permanent fund donors are present and have the opportunity to meet the winners of the scholarship honoring their organization or family member, and the student recipients and their

families learn the history of the group or person being honored. Additionally, past recipients speak to the assembled donors, parents and students about his or her experience as a scholarship winner. This year's awards ceremony is scheduled for May 29, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at Ellington High School.

During his tenure, Mr. Connolly implemented the creation of a web-site (ecsact.org) which provides information about college planning, scholarships, parent resources and the organization's activities. He has developed an informational brochure for distribution to appropriate organizations outlining the process of establishing a scholarship to honor the contributions of groups or individuals. Mr. Connolly has also reached out to elementary and middle school parents through their parent organizations to encourage early planning for funding college.

In every phase of his work as ECSA President, Mr. Connolly kept Ellington's youth as the focus of all of his endeavors and has done his part to help them become productive and contributing citizens.

Mr. Morris Webber was selected for the Ellington Friend of Education Award for his outstanding leadership and work on behalf of Ellington and Tolland students in the Connecticut American Legion Boys State High School Leadership Program.

As an active member of the American Legion Hatheway-Miller Post 62, Mr. Webber voluntarily and eagerly took on the responsibilities of this most worthwhile program. For approximately twelve years, Mr. Webber was the heart and soul of the Boys State program in the Ellington/Tolland communities.

Attendance at Boys State for students in Ellington/Tolland was not a financial hardship for any participants. Mr. Webber was the fundraiser. Annually, Mr. Webber appeared before, and appealed for funds from businesses and a variety of community organizations such as the Lions Club, The Exchange Club, the Republican and Democratic Town Committees, the volunteer Fire Department, local banks and many, many others. He would go anywhere and speak with anyone who might help to support these students and the values of the program.

Mr. Webber was the liaison with the schools. He delivered the application packets to guidance counselors. He provided all of the logistics, timelines and pertinent information. Mr. Webber assigned the actual selection of

candidates for Boys State to school personnel as he believed that they would know the students much better than he or an outside committee would. However, once the selections were made, Mr. Webber met with all of the participants to better inform each student of the program and to answer all questions. During these meetings Mr. Webber included the students who had attended Boys State the previous year.

Mr. Webber's involvement with the program did not end with the student's attendance at Boys State. During the fall following participation in Boys State, Mr. Webber organized an evening event to which both the students and their parents were invited. Also invited to attend and to speak were local officials, school officials and representatives of the organizations that funded the students' participation in the program. During the course of the evening, each student was provided the opportunity to inform everyone in attendance of his experience at Boys State. The comments made by the students provided an annual affirmation of the value of the program.

Morris Webber was born in Sanford, Maine. In 1956 he joined the Navy where he served for four years and then became a member of the Naval Reserve. He later enlisted in the United States Air Force and served in the Vietnam War. He worked for Pratt & Whitney for over thirty years in refrigeration and air conditioning and later drove a van for the Ellington Public Schools. Over the years he has been an active volunteer for St. Luke's Church and an active member of both the American Legion and the VFW. Mr. Webber spent eighteen years coaching and umpiring Little League and he continues to be a proud supporter of and participant at the Ellington Senior Center.

Ellington is certainly a wonderful community. It is truly a great place to live, work or raise a family. Life in this community is certainly enhanced by the work of such people as Jim Connolly and Morris Webber. In my opinion there are many citizens such as Jim Connolly and Morris Weber in this community who give so much of their time and talent to benefit the lives of others. The motto of our school district is *"The Ellington Public Schools – Where Children Come First."* On behalf of the administration, staff and students of the Ellington Public Schools we thank Mr. Connolly and Mr. Webber for their work in bringing that motto to life.

Stephen C. Cullinan

**Ellington Public Schools
Where Children Come First**

Ann Marie Conti, Tax and Revenue Collector (860) 870-3113

The budget process is underway. Tax bills will be mailed at the end of June. Taxes are due on July 1, payable by August 1; and again on January 1, payable by February 2. This gives you a one-month "grace" period in which to pay without penalty.

3 Ways to Pay

- Option 1:** Pay your tax bill online at ellington-ct.gov. Invoice Cloud will charge taxpayers a convenience fee, electronic check (\$0.95 processing fee) or by credit/debit card (2.95% processing fee).
- Option 2:** Mail your payment in the provided return envelope. Payment should be mailed to:

Town of Ellington
PO Box 416316
Boston, MA 02241-6316

This address represents the Town's lockbox service. Please include the correct portion of your tax bill along with payment. Our lockbox service will only process current tax payments during the period of July 1 through August 1. Payments made after the 30 days grace period must be mailed to:

Town of Ellington
PO Box 158
Ellington, CT 06029-0158

- Option 3:** Hand-deliver your payment to the Tax Office at 55 Main Street, Ellington, CT. Office hours are listed on the back page of the Ellington Connection.

Please note: You must bring your entire tax bill with you; do not tear anything off the bill before you pay in person.

If you wish to receive the latest Town information including tax notification, please add your email address to our Automail list by visiting the Town's home page at ellington-ct.gov.

Payment Due Calendar

July	Real Estate 1 st installment Personal Property 1 st installment Motor Vehicle <i>single</i> payment
October	Sewer Usage Fee
November	Trash Collection Fee
January	Real Estate 2 nd installment Personal Property 2 nd installment Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax <i>only if applicable</i>
April	Sewer Usage Fee
June	Sewer Benefit Assessment Fee

Barbara Murdach, Animal Control Officer
(860) 870-3155

Annual Rabies & Microchip Clinic on June 7
Arbor Park, Main Street, 9:00 am to Noon!

Rabies Vaccination \$20 Microchip \$30 ~ Cash Only

During the Dog Days at the Ellington Farmers Market, Ellington Center Animal Clinic will kindly be donating their time and services once again, as proceeds from this event will go towards helping Ellington's pound animals. Stay updated on the details of this event by "liking" our Ellington Animal Control Facebook page or visit our website at ellington-ct.gov!



**Remember to License
your Dog in June!**

Animal Control reminds dog owners that dog licensing is due in the month of June. Please see the Town Clerk's message on this page for details. After June 30, Animal Control will be issuing infractions for unlicensed and/or unvaccinated dogs. Per CT GENERAL STATUTE 22-349-Failure to License will result in an infraction of \$75 per dog. If a dog owner does not have a current rabies certificate for each dog, a fine of \$136 will be incurred per CT GENERAL STATUTE 22-339b, for Failure to Vaccinate. All dogs six months of age and older are required to be licensed.

Connecticut Wildlife:

Spring is prime time for wildlife to be emerging. Just a friendly reminder to all that it is best to leave wildlife where it is by not disturbing it. Just



because you have found unattended babies does not mean the mother has abandoned them. Wildlife has a much better chance of survival in the wild! If you have wildlife in your yard it is best to discourage interaction when safely possible or learn to cohabitate with them. The CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has a great website that explains the many aspects of CT wildlife, such as nuisance wildlife, a list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators, and fact sheets on various species. This information can be found through a link on our webpage at ellington-ct.gov; select "Town Services"; select "Animal Control"; select "Connecticut Wildlife Information" Another great informational website for wildlife problems is wildlifehotline.org.

If you have any wildlife questions, please contact the DEEP at (860) 424-3011 or for wildlife emergencies after hours call (860) 424-3333.

Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk
(860) 870-3105

Fishing Season is Open



Resident Fees for 2014

Fishing	\$28
Hunting	\$19
Inland & Marine Fishing	\$32
All Waters Fishing & Hunting Combination	\$38

Please bring last year's license with you when you stop in our office. You can also purchase your license on-line at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) website at ct.gov/deep

Vital Record Certificates

Birth, marriage and death certificates are available for \$20 per certified copy. Birth records are restricted by law. Positive ID is required. Applications must be completed. Birth certificates are only available in the town of residence of the mother at the time of birth and in the town of birth (hospital town).

Dog License Renewals Due in June

Connecticut law requires any dog age 6 months or older be registered in the office of the Town Clerk.

2014 licenses must be purchased between June 1 and June 30

*Renew on-line and save time at ellington-ct.gov:
select Town Services; Town Clerk; Dog Licensing*

Your license will be mailed to you.

- A rabies vaccination certificate must be submitted to the Town Clerk at the time of registration.
- Spaying or neutering certificates must be presented unless already on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Fee Schedule ~ Male or Female Dog

neutered or spayed	\$ 8
NOT neutered or spayed	\$19

After June 30 a late fee of \$1/per month is due along with your license fee at the time of registration.

If you would like to register your dog through the mail, you must include a *self-addressed stamped envelope* for the tag and license to be returned to you.

Tim Webb, Director of Public Works /WPCA Administrator (860) 870-3140

Recycling: It's Good for Ellington!

Do you know what can be recycled from within your household trash? Many families put forth a great effort to recycle as much as possible. The Department of Public Works (DPW) monitors the community's household trash disposal and the overall impact that the cost of disposing it has on our taxes. Do you know that many new items are now allowed to be recycled? Please take a moment and scan through the list below to see what you can now recycle with your bi-weekly collection.



The more we recycle the less we pay to dispose of our trash!

Currently homeowners pay an annual fee that covers the cost of our contractor, All American Waste, to collect our household trash and recycling, along with the ability to schedule an oversize bulky waste pickup at your home. The cost to dispose of the material collected is \$60.50 per ton, while we pay nothing for the recycling material that is collected. The Town receives rebates from the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (CRRA), which currently is \$10.00 per ton for recyclables.

Do you need another recycling container?

One can be delivered to your home free of charge. If an additional container will help promote recycling within your household, please call the DPW at (860) 870-3140 to request an additional blue recycling container. Please review what can now be recycled and join in to promote recycling within our community.

Items to Recycle

- cans
- glass containers
- plastic containers up to 3 gallons in size
- food grade containers #1-7
- newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, magazines
- home computer paper
- telephone and hard cover books
- corrugated cardboard, boxboard, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, shirt cardboard, toilet paper and paper towel cardboard rolls [pizza boxes not accepted]
- milk and juice boxes up to one gallon in size
- foil trays
- plastic toys
- laundry baskets
- large plastic storage containers

If you have any questions regarding recycling or would like another container, please call the DPW at (860) 870-3140.



Department of Public Works (DPW)
Open House, 21 Main Street
May 22, 2014 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Join us for a tour, meet the staff, learn about the vehicles, equipment and functions of Ellington's DPW! Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please call the DPW at (860) 870-3140.

Your Town Garage Accepts the following items

The following items may be brought to the Town Garage,
21 Main Street (Proof of residency is required)
Monday through Friday, year-round
ONLY between the hours of 6:30 am-3:30 pm*
***Closed Fridays at 1:00 pm from June 1 through Oct. 3**

cell phones	waste oil and antifreeze
all batteries	propane tanks - 5 lbs & 20 lbs
televisions/electronics	computer components
small appliances	fluorescent light bulbs

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

**Mid North East Recycling Operating Committee
(MidNEROC)**

Household Chemical Waste Drop-off Facility
located at **57 Hancock Road, Willington, CT**

MidNEROC Hours of Operation:

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

on the first and third Saturday of the month from

May 3 to November 1

(Closed July 5 weekend)

For questions regarding acceptable materials, visit the Town website at ellington-ct.gov or call the DPW at (860) 870-3140 or MidNEROC at (860) 684-3163.

Hoffman Road Brush Drop Off Area

Proof of residency is required.

Items accepted: leaves, brush, firewood, tree trunks

Items not accepted: Construction materials, grass clippings, tree stumps. Harvest New England on Sadds Mill Road will accept stumps (860) 827-1490.

Hours of Operation May and June

Closed May 24 and July 5

Saturday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday and Thursday	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
July, August and September	
<i>Closed August 30</i>	
Saturday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Susan Phillips, Director
Hall Memorial Library (860) 870-3160
website: library.ellington-ct.gov

Hall Memorial Library Hours

Monday - Thursday	10:00 am	8:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am	5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am	5:00 pm
Saturday (<i>July 5-August 30</i>)	10:00 am	1:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm	5:00 pm
Sunday (<i>beginning May 25</i>)	<i>Library Closed</i>	

Book Cellar Summer Hours (June - September)

Monday	6:30 pm	8:00 pm
Thursday	2:30 pm	4:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am	noon

Being Prepared: I am sure you all noticed the construction activity outside the Library. The result is the installation of a generator that will supply power to the Library in the event of an electrical failure. The experience of recent storms caused us to be proactive and better prepared to serve as a place for community members to be safe, warm and together as we weather whatever Mother Nature sends us.

Borrow an Electricity-Use Monitor: The Library has received a gift of an electricity usage monitor from the Enfield Energy Alliance. By plugging this monitor into a wall socket and then plugging an appliance into the monitor, you can tell how much energy is used. With this information you can better plan your energy consumption and save on electricity costs. The monitor can be checked out for two weeks on your library card.

Food For Fines Month A Success! Thank you to all who chose to pay overdue Library fines with a donation of non-perishable food items. Five large bins of food items were received during the month of April to help restock the Ellington food pantry shelves.

Monthly Coffee House to Return!

Live music will return to the Library this fall! We'll host one concert a month after the Library is closed on a Friday. Watch our website or grab a flier when you're in the Library. Dates and performers to be announced this summer.



Summer Movies!

Enjoy our air conditioning this summer while watching some fan favorites! **All films will begin promptly at their scheduled times.** We're looking for your suggestions - what films would you like to see this summer? Jot down your ideas, give them to any staff member and we'll try to show the films you request.

August: Osage County	Rated R	June 11 June 12	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
Enough Said	Rated PG13	June 17 June 19	6:30 pm 1:00 pm
In a World	Rated R	June 25 June 26	6:30 pm 1:00 pm

Films are subject to change or yet to be decided; watch for future movie dates at the Library or the website at library.ellington-ct.gov

Summer Events at Hall Memorial Library

Cheryl Cianci: Zentangle*	Wednesday June 4	6:00 pm
Matt Alaimo: Weight Loss and Nutrition Seminar	Tuesday June 10	6:30 pm
Robin Glowa: The Goodness of Gluten-Free*	Wednesday June 18	6:30 pm
Jack Farrell: "Fast Jack"-The Last Hustler	Tuesday June 24	6:30 pm
Chef Ray Amabile: 3-Slider Grill Expo*	Wednesday July 16	6:30 pm
Jeff Hutton: <i>Inside Out: The Art and Craft of Landscape Gardening</i>	Wednesday July 30	6:30 pm
Christine Church: House Cat: How to Keep Your Indoor Cat Sane and Sound	Wednesday August 13	6:30 pm
Dr. Michael Darre: Raising Chickens in Your Backyard	Wednesday August 27	6:30 pm
Susan Elderkind: <i>The Novel Cure: From Abandonment to Zestlessness: 751 Books to Cure What Ails You</i>	Wednesday September 10	6:30 pm

*Program has limited seating, so register early!

All programs are free and require online registration at library.ellington-ct.gov or call the Library at (860) 870-3160.

Pat Grundman, Children's Librarian
(860) 870-3160

2015 NUTMEG AWARD NOMINEES

As of May 1, the Hall Memorial Library will have ten new titles of Nutmeg Award Nominees for 2015. Multiple copies are available. The title are:

- *King of the Mound by Wes Tooke*
- *Joshua Dread by Lee Bacon*
- *Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead*
- *Shadow by Michael Morpurgo*
- *Spy School by Stuart Gibbs*
- *Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica Day George*
- *The Unwants by Lisa McMann*
- *Walls Within Walls by Maureen Sherry*
- *White Fur Flying by Patricia MacLachlan*
- *Saint Louis Armstrong Beach by Brenda Woods*

These books are appropriate for 4th through 6th graders. This year the Nutmeg Committee has expanded to include a new level of fifteen titles for children in grades 2nd through 4th. A list of these titles can be found on the Nutmeg Award Website or at the Library.

SUMMER EVENTS!

The school year is winding down and that means Summer isn't far behind. The Children's Department at the Library is busy planning an exciting summer for Ellington's Children.

"FIZZ BOOM READ"

During July and August your Library will transform into a science lab through the "FIZZ BOOM READ" summer reading program. It's all about science! There will be all kinds of interesting programs, lots of animals, and maybe even some sparks flying here at the Library. And, of course, there will be incentives to just make reading that much more fun! A calendar of summer events will be available in early June. Oh, and by the way, don't be surprised if a couple of strange looking scientists visit your classroom very soon. Just point them in the direction of the Library. That's where they will be spending their summer!



Preschool Story Hour
Tuesdays at the Library
July 15 through August 19
10:15 am to 11:00 am
No registration necessary.

There will also be a Read-to-Me Program with an interactive component. Call the Library if you have any questions at (860) 870-3160.

Allen's Angels Therapy Dogs will be coming to the Library throughout the summer. The dogs have been carefully trained to be good listeners. Children ages 5 to 12 years old are invited to practice their reading skills by reading for 10 or 15 minutes to the dog of their choice.

Registration is recommended at (860) 870-3160.

Young Adults!

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY BOARD (YAAB): The YAAB wrapped up another successful book discussion series with the Senior Center this spring. For the past several years, these groups have been meeting in April and May for book discussions on all kinds of subject matter. It has been a wonderful opportunity for sharing viewpoints and promoting dialogue between different generations. Thanks to Erin Graziani, Celine Richardson and the Ellington Senior Center for working with us to make sure this enriching book series continues each year.

NYC! On Saturday, May 3, the YAAB members hit the streets of NYC! We toured the New York Public Library and walked around the city, absorbing the sights and smells of a bustling metropolis. As always, the highlight of the trip was a visit to the M&M store!

INTERESTED IN JOINING A CREATIVE WRITING GROUP?

The Library's young adult creative writing group, *"The Scribblers"*, invites teens who enjoy writing to come and collaborate with other teens, sparking ideas and creativity at each monthly meeting. Teens in grades 7 through 12 who participate in this writing program can earn community service hours. The group is limited to the first twelve students who register. Dedicated to a multitude of creative writing styles with an emphasis on creating contemporary teen literature, this group will meet on the second Friday of every month from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Library. We will be taking our works and creating a teen literature magazine which will be put out at least twice a year. Registration for this group begins on Monday, June 30, and the first meeting will be on July 11. We hope to see you there!



SUMMER READING PROGRAM: The Teen Summer Reading Program will also kick-off on Monday, June 30. Teens can look forward to a variety of programs aimed at their interests, rewards for reading, and lots of prizes! Visit the Library as we get closer to summer to see what we have planned for you!

Art Exhibits Welcome!



There are opportunities for local artists to display their works in the exhibit space in the main hallway of the Library. Contact Sue Phillips at (860) 870-3160 if you would like to exhibit during Summer 2014 or anytime in 2015.

**Sergeant Patrick Sweeney, Supervisor
Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office
(860) 875-1522**

Cautious Driving: With the nice weather upon us, the Ellington Resident Troopers' Office would like everyone to be more cautious on the Town roads. This is the time of year when everyone is outside enjoying the warm spring weather, riding their bikes, pushing strollers, and taking long walks throughout Town. Please be aware of your driving habits and avoid unsafe driving behaviors such as speeding, distracted driving or talking and texting on your cell phones. There will be increased enforcement during these summer months to combat aggressive and distractive driving.



Be Aware: The riders of dirt bikes, ATV's, and mopeds are not allowed to be on public roadways unless properly registered. Those found in violation may be subject to enforcement and removal from the scene.

Vehicles and Homes: The Ellington Resident Troopers' Office would like to remind * residents to make sure they lock their homes when not occupied. Everyone should secure and lock their vehicles when unattended. Everyone should also remove valuables from plain sight from the inside of their vehicle especially when leaving it unattended while out shopping, walking, or catching a baseball, soccer or football game. If anyone sees a person or a car in their neighborhood that is unfamiliar and suspicious in nature, please contact the Resident Troopers' Office at (860) 875-1522 or Troop C at (860) 896-3200 to make them aware.



Crime prevention starts with the home or car owner.



Youth Services announces several returning and new programs coming this summer. Please watch for our flyers and registration on ActiveNet for details on these fantastic programs!

Returning Programs

- Safety Town (14-15 Kindergarteners)
- 1-2-3 I am me (14-15 Kindergartners to 3rd graders)
- Finding the Leader in Me (14-15 5th and 6th graders)
- Girl Power (14-15 4th and 5th grade girls)

Exciting New Programs

- Introducing Kidditch: a popular sport of Quidditch
- Discover Art
- Social Fit Club
- "The Play's the Thing" Theatre for kids (new partnership of Youth Service, Parks and Recreation and Arts from the Heart) For more information go to artsfromtheheart.net

Visit our website at youth.ellington-ct.gov
Questions? Call Youth Services at (860) 870-3130.

**Anna Turner
Elderly Outreach Caseworker
(860) 870-3131**

**TRIAD Ice Cream Social and
Public Safety Presentation**

June 5 at 1:00 pm
Ellington Senior Center, 40 Maple Street
Speaker: Atherton B. Ryan, Esq.



We're pleased to announce that Attorney Atherton B. Ryan will join us and will make a presentation regarding probate issues. Enjoy making your own sundae following the presentation. Please sign up at the Senior Center or call (860) 870-3133 to register for this event, as seating is limited.

**Parkinson's Disease
Support Group Meetings**

This support group meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Call Anna Turner at (860) 870-3131 to RSVP your attendance or if you have any questions.



Renters Rebate Program

The Town of Ellington Human Services office will be assisting eligible persons in completing their State of Connecticut Renters Rebate applications for 2013.

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- have resided in CT for one year prior to filing
- be age 65 or older
- or if under age 65, the applicant must have been receiving Social Security disability in year 2013
- and have had a 2013 income of less than \$34,100 for a single person or less than \$41,600 for married couple.

The last day to complete the application is October 1, 2014. If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please call Anna Turner at (860) 870-3131 or the Human Services office (860) 870-3128.

HANDLEwith CARE Mark Your Calendars for
prescription drug safety **National Drug Take Back Day!**

Saturday June 7, 2014 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

Ellington Resident State Troopers' Office and Ellington Youth Services are sponsoring a Prescription Drug Take Back Day at the Resident State Troopers' Office, 33 Arbor Way. Residents are asked to bring your unwanted medications (pills and capsules) for proper disposal. Syringes will not be accepted. Please keep our environment and our youth safe and drop off your medications. For information contact Ellington Youth Services at (860) 870-3130.

Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director ~ (860) 870-3133 ~ 40 Maple Street

The Senior Center currently offers over 30 programs and activities in addition to special monthly events. Details, including the description of the program, name of the Volunteer Program Leader or instructor, and dates and times for the program can all be found in our Program Catalog. These catalogs, along with information on all special events, guest speakers, movie listings, etc. can be found in **the Information Center across from the Reception desk at the Senior Center.** Please make a point to stop in each time you come to the center, as it is updated daily! Refer to website ellington-ct.gov to obtain the Senior Center Town Crier **monthly newsletter and calendar** that gives more events than those listed below.

Fitness Program Highlights Effective July 1 all Health & Fitness programs will require a minimum number of participants in order to run.	Fee for all classes: Residents: \$7 walk-in; Non-residents: \$8 walk-in. Multi-class discount given - see Information Center for rates.		
	Instructor	Day(s)	Time(s)
Simple Circuit "Exercise for Active Adults"	Linda Stein	Tuesdays Thursdays	11:00 am-11:45 am 11:00 am-11:45 am
Tai Chi & Qi Gong	Roberta Villanova	Fridays	11:00 am-12:00 pm
Tap Dancing	Tressa Giordano	Thursdays	2:00 pm-2:45 pm
Yoga	Judy Lampson	Wednesdays	2:45 pm-3:45 pm
Zumba®Gold	Tressa Giordano	Tuesdays Fridays	2:00 pm-2:45 pm 9:45 am-10:30 am

<i>Senior Center Bus Trips</i>

Trip/Event	Date(s)	Cost	Includes:
Boston Pops on Old Cape Cod	August 10-11 <i>Sign-Up Deadline June 23</i>	\$309 per person, twin	Deluxe motor coach, 1 night at Holiday Inn in Hyannis, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner, reserved seats for Boston Pops, Hy-line cruise of Hyannis Harbor, JFK Museum & Cape Cod Baseball Hall of Fame
"Moses" at Sight & Sound Theater Lancaster, PA	September 23-25 <i>Sign up Deadline: August 4</i>	\$405 per person, twin	Deluxe motor coach, 2 nights at the Cork Factory Hotel, 2 breakfasts, dinner at Plain & Fancy with Chalk Talk demo, Hershey Chocolate World, dinner at Hershey Farm & tour of James Buchanan's Wheatland.
Panama Canal Cruise	November 7-17 <i>Sign up Deadline: August 13</i>	\$2,249-2,749 per person depending on cabin selection	Round trip airfare; all transfers; 10 night cruise accommodations aboard Holland America's Zuiderdam; port and departure taxes; all meals, activities and entertainment aboard ship; trip insurance and portage of 1 bag per person.

<i>Don't Miss These Special Events!</i>
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Lunch & Learn: "All You Need to Hear"	Wednesday May 28 11:00 am-1:30 pm	Join Nancy Fox for a demonstration on hearing loss, screenings, tests and how to care for your hearing aides. Pre-registration is required.
"Laser Touch One" A Pain Management Workshop	Wednesday June 18 10:00 am	Richard Yvon will discuss an innovative product and techniques to help ease pain. Pre-registration is required.

ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Address:

31 Arbor Way/P.O. Box 187

Email: recreation@ellington-ct.gov**Office Hours**

Monday 8:30 am-6 pm Friday 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Phone: (860) 870-3118**Fax:** (860) 870-3198**parkrec.ellington-ct.gov**

Registration Process

The Parks and Recreation Department uses the Active-net Online Program to register for ALL recreational programs/camps. The process for online registration is easy and involves these simple steps:

- Go to parkrec.ellington-ct.gov
- Click on Register Online
- Select "Click here" for Active-net Online Registration!
- Select "Click here" to set up account

It is imperative that an adult household member set up the family account. The advantage to setting up an account is the convenience of registering for recreational programs and camps at your leisure. You will need an e-mail address to set up your account, a password, and dates of birth for all family members. (Remember to add family members to your account).

If you don't have access to a computer, we can assist in setting up your account at the Recreation Office during regular office hours. **In office online registration allows you to pay by cash, check or charge with no convenience fee being applied to your credit card. Note: there is a convenience fee applied to your credit card when registering from home.** If you have any questions or problems please contact Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation.

Ellington Parks and Recreation Department is now on



Find us at:

[facebook.com/ellingtonparkandrec](https://www.facebook.com/ellingtonparkandrec)

"Like" us and get up-to-the-minute information about the great programs we have to offer!

Introduction to Sailing at Crystal Lake

An Introduction to Sailing program will be offered for those ages 10 to 18 years old. An instructor and up to 3 participants will sail an Oday 15' from Sandy Beach for approximately one hour. Basic instruction in boat safety and handling will be provided. If weather conditions are suitable, opportunities for hands-on boat handling by participants will occur. This program is scheduled for the 2nd Sunday in June, July and August, with the 4th Sunday in each month slated for the makeup dates.

Session 1: 12:00 - 1:30 pm Session 2: 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$10 per session: Limit 1 session per person

Code: SAIL.LAKE14 - Instructor: Walt Moody

AED / FIRST AID / CPR

Register by email ONLY at

Ellington.safety@yahoo.com

Instructor: Allison Breen

The Recreation Department has a certified AED/First Aid/CPR Instructor on staff. New classes have been scheduled that will allow all Ellington coaches, athletic officials, program instructors, and staff of Ellington Recreation sponsored sports and activities to register **free of charge**. Location to be determined due to construction. Please understand that each coach is **required** to complete this training.

**Only six coaches per class allowed,
so register early.**

You are required to stay the entire time in order to receive your certification. You are welcome to bring a snack/dinner with you. Wear comfortable clothing.

Monday	June 2	5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday	June 7	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday	August 18	5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Crystal Lake Sprint Triathlon

July 20, 2014

(Rain Date ~ July 27)



The 2014 Triathlon will be limited to 220 participants.

Sign up online through the Triathlon website:

ellingtontriathlon.com

or

parkrec.ellington-ct.gov

the Ellington Parks and Recreation website:

The cost will be \$70 per participant.

Our team is looking for volunteers; please send an e-mail to ellingtontriathlon@gmail.com with your contact information. All profits from the race will be donated to local charities in Ellington. We look forward to an awesome race and please spread the word. Come out for a great event!

- ♦ Swim ¼ mile in Crystal Lake
- ♦ Bike 12 miles through Ellington & Stafford
- ♦ Run 3.2 miles around Crystal Lake area

Crystal Lake Sandy Beach

[Weather & Staff permitting]

Pre-Season:

Weekends only
June 7, 8, 14, 15
12 noon-5:00 pm

Full Season:

June 16-August 17
Weekdays: 12 noon-6:30 pm
Weekends: 11 am-6:30 pm

2014

Residents Daily Fee:

\$5.00 Adult 18 & up
\$3.00 Child 6-17 yrs
Children under 5 are free
\$1.00 Senior Citizens

Non-Resident Daily Fees:

\$10.00 Adult 18 & up
\$5.00 Child 6-17 yrs
Children under 5 are free
\$1.00 Senior Citizens

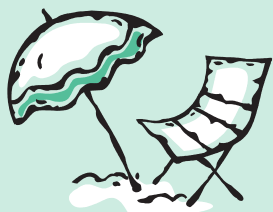
**The 2014 Swim Lessons
Schedule can be found on
page 12.**

BEACH PASSES ON SALE NOW

Ellington Residents Only

\$45.00 per Family
\$25.00 Individual
\$10.00 Senior Citizens

Passes may be purchased
online through the
Activenet system
or at the
Parks and Recreation office.



Crystal Lake Sandy Beach ~ 2014 Swim Lesson Information

The Parks & Recreation Department will be offering Swimming Lessons at Crystal Lake Sandy Beach Facility for residents ages 3 years-Adult. We will be offering the American Red Cross Six Comprehensive Course Levels that will teach you and/or your child how to swim skillfully and safely. The prerequisite for each level is the successful demonstration of the skills from the preceding level, except for Level 1, which has **no** prerequisite. Each level of the **Learn-to-Swim** includes training in basic water safety, helping a swimmer in distress, and the skills outlined below:

Adult & Child Aquatics Level 1: Introduces basic skills to parents and children, including safety topics. The instructor works with parents on teaching their children water safety skills and general water safety around the home.

Preschool Aquatics Level: (Builds on skills learned in parent and child aquatics with instructors help) Blow bubbles 3 seconds, submerge nose, eyes, mouth, open eyes under water & retrieve object, front and back glide, 2 body lengths, roll from front to back and back to front, treading with arm and hand motions, alternating and simultaneous leg action on front and back, alternating and simultaneous arm action on front and back combined arm and leg action on front and back.

Swim Level Description



Level 1: Introduction to Water Skills

Enter and exit water safely, open eyes under water, pick up objects, swim on front & back using arm and leg actions, submerge mouth, nose and eyes, float on front and back, follow basic water safety rules, exhale underwater through mouth and nose, explore arm and hand movements, use of life jacket.

Level 2: Fundamental Aquatic Skills

Enter water by stepping or jumping from the side, open eyes underwater, pick up a submerged object, roll over from front to back, back to front, swim on side, exit water safely using ladder or side, float on front and back, tread water using arms and leg motions, move in the water while wearing a life jacket, submerge entire head, perform front and back glide, swim on front and back using combined strokes.

Level 3: Stroke Development

Jump into deep water from the side (raft/pool), bob with the head fully submerged, perform survival float, butterfly-kick and body motion,

(Level 3 continued next column)

use Check-Call-Care in an emergency, dive from kneeling or standing position, use rotary breathing in horizontal position, change from horizontal to vertical position on front and back, perform the HELP and HUDDLE position with and without life jacket, submerge and retrieve object, perform front and back glide, perform front and back crawl, perform a reaching assist.

Level 4: Stroke Improvement

Front and back crawl, breast stroke, butterfly, elementary backstroke, swim on side using scissors-like kick, use safe diving rules, perform a throwing assist, swim underwater, tread water using sculling arm motions and kick, perform feet-first surface dive, perform compact jump into water wearing a life jacket, care of conscious choking victim.

Level 5: Stroke Refinement

Tread water with two different kicks, learn survival swimming, perform rescue breathing; reach, throw & go, flip turns, side stroke, backstroke flip turn, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, front & back crawl, shallow dive, glide two body lengths and begin any front stroke, tuck and pike surface dives, skull on back.

Level 6: Swimming & Skill Proficiency

Personal Water Safety HELP HUDDLE, fitness swimming, fundamentals of diving, lifeguard readiness.

Guard Start




Prepares for Lifeguarding Course



Swimming Lesson Schedule

(10 maximum per class)



Session One June 23 - July 3 Classes held Monday - Thursday No Class on Fridays 	Time	Level	Level
	9:00 - 9:40 am	5	6
	9:50 - 10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 - 11:20 am	3	2
	11:30 - 12 noon	1	Pre school Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:00 pm	1	
	4:15 - 4:45 pm	2	
	5:00 - 5:30 pm	3	
Session Two July 7 - July 17 Classes held Monday - Thursday No Class on Fridays 	Time	Level	Level
	9:00 - 9:40 am	5	4
	9:50 - 10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 - 11:20 am	2	1
	11:30 - 12 noon	Adult/Child Age 3	Pre school Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:00 pm	3	
	4:15 - 4:45 pm	2	
	5:00 - 5:30 pm	1	
Session Three July 21 - July 31 Classes held Monday-Thursday No Class on Fridays 	Time	Level	Level
	9:00 - 9:40 am	Guard Start	6
	9:50 - 10:30 am	3	4
	10:40 - 11:20 am	1	2
	11:30 - 12 noon	Adult/Child Age 3	Pre school Age 4/5
	3:30 - 4:00 pm	1	
	4:15 - 4:45 pm	2	
	5:00 - 5:30 pm	3	

Swim Class Registration

Registrations are currently being accepted at the Recreation Office or you may also register online through the Town website at parkrec.ellington-ct.gov

Lessons are filled on a first come, first serve basis with a maximum of 10 students per class. Levels 1-6 are not determined by age. Parents are required to participate for children participating in the Adult/Child Aquatics Level 1 program. We need a minimum of 5 to run a swim lesson level. If we do not meet the minimum we may cancel that level or move your child to another level at a different time frame.

Adults and/or Special needs individuals interested in classes please contact Mary Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation (860) 870-3118.

Scholarship Programs

If a need arises please make a confidential inquiry to the Recreation Director at rtdford@ellington-ct.gov

ADA

The Town of Ellington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in provision of programs and services. If you or a family member need special assistance, please make us aware of your needs at time of registration.

Swim Lesson Fees: 2 week sessions
No Class on Fridays
40 minute class: \$35
30 minute class: \$30

YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINICS!

A six week series of informal youth basketball clinics and programs will be offered to Ellington residents (and residents of surrounding towns, depending on the final enrollment).



ID Code	Dates	Times	Grades	Location	Fee
YBBC.GRDJ14	July 22, 29; August 5, 12, 19	5:30 pm-6:30 pm	1-4	Brookside Park	\$15
YBBC.GRDJ58	July 22, 29; August 5, 12, 19	5:30 pm-6:30 pm	5-8	Brookside Park	\$15

Ellington Parks & Recreation is proud to present Skyhawks Summer Sports Camps!

Course Name	Course #	Dates Monday - Friday	Time	Ages/Grades 2013-14 School Year	Fee	Location
Volleyball	SSA50023	6/23-6/27	9 am-1 pm	Grades 2-5	\$115	Middle School
	SSA50063	6/23-6/27	9 am-1 pm	Grades 6-9	\$115	Middle School

The fundamental skills of volleyball are taught through game-speed drills and daily scrimmages that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. This co-ed program is designed for the beginning and intermediate player.

Flag Football	SSA50714	7/14-7/18	9 am-12 pm	Ages 7-12	\$109	Brookside Park
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Campers learn skills on both sides of the football including the core components of passing, catching and defense - all in a fun and positive environment. The week ends with the Skyhawks Sports Super Bowl.

Multi-Sport: (Soccer, Baseball, Basketball and Flag Football)	SSA50721	7/21-7/25	9 am-1 pm	Ages 7-10	\$115	Middle School
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In this multi-sport camp we combine four sports into one fun-filled week. Athletes will learn the rules and essential skills of each sport along with vital life lessons such as respect and teamwork.

Tiny-Hawk (Soccer & Basketball)	SSA50341	7/21-7/25	9 am-9:50 am	Ages 3-4	\$65	Middle School
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This camp for pre-school aged kids introduces the essentials of one to two sports. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development. Must be toilet trained in order to participate.

Mini-Hawk (Soccer, Baseball & Basketball)	SSA50472	7/21-7/25	10 am-1 pm	Ages 4-7	\$109	Middle School
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This baseball, basketball and soccer program gives young children a fun and positive first step into athletics. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.

Basketball	SSA50K214	7/14-7/17 Rain Date 7/18	5:30-7:00 pm	Grades K-2	\$75	Brookside Park
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This fun, skill-intensive program is designed for beginning to intermediate players. In addition to technical basketball skills, our basketball staff will focus on respect, teamwork and responsibility.

 <p>Outdoor Golf Lessons & Camps</p> <p>Ellington Golf Center 125 West Rd</p> <p>Fee: \$65/session</p> <p>Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth</p> <p>e-mail: Jwadsworth50@comcast.net</p>	Session 10: June 3, 10, 17, 24 Tuesdays	GOLF.JUNE3246 GOLF.JUNE3241	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Youth ages 6 - 9 Teens ages 10 - 13
	Session 11: June 5, 12, 19, 26 Thursdays	GOLF.JUN527W GOLF.JUN527CE	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Women's Class Co-ed Adult Class
	Session 13: Mini-Camp July 7, 8, 9	GOLFM.CAMP79	9 am-12 pm	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 14: Mini-Camp July 21, 22, 23	GOLFM.CAMP13	9 am-12 pm	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 15: Mini-Camp August 4, 5, 6	GOLFM.AUG4	9 am-12 pm	Ages 9 to 13
	Session 16: July 3, 10, 17, 24 Thursdays	GOLF.JUL324W GOLF.JUL324A	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Women's Class Adult Class
	Session 17: August 7, 14, 21, 28 Thursdays	GOLF.JUL3121W GOLF.JUL3121A	6 pm-7 pm 7 pm-8 pm	Women's Class Adult Class

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PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGE/GRADES	FEE	LOCATION
Girls Travel League Softball U-14 & U-16 NCGSL website: ncgsl.org	Deadline for registration May 27, 2014	Clinics: Evaluation dates will be posted on the website. <i>Special situation: Players entering grade 9 in the fall will have the option of being rostered in either age group, but not both. High School graduates are ineligible. High School plays Mondays and Wednesdays Middle School plays Tuesdays and Thursdays.</i>	TBA Registration in Rec Office ONLY Season Starts June 16 and ends with Tournaments August 9&10 in East Harford	High School Division for players entering grades 9 - 12 Middle School Division for players entering grades 6 - 9	\$95 No metal spikes allowed	Travel & Brookside Park
High School Girls Summer Soccer League	3001.HSG	Informal league schedule in addition to a limited pre-season (mid-June). Matches: 3rd week of June through 1st week of August	Evenings: Dates to be determined	Designed for girls entering grades 9-12	\$35	Brookside Park
Co-ed Men's & Women's Volleyball	3002.CEV14	Beginning June 2014	Wednesdays 6 pm - 8 pm	Adults	No Fee	Brookside Park
Youth Volleyball	0120.YVB14	Beginning June 2014	Thursdays 6 pm - 8 pm	Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	No Fee	Brookside Park
Adult Informal Outdoor Basketball	3003.AIB14	June 2014	Mondays 5 pm - 8 pm	Adult	No Fee	Brookside Park
Lacrosse Camp Boys & Girls	0904.LAX14K2 0904.LAX1434 0904.LAX1456 0904.LAX1478	July 15, 16, 17	5:30 pm-7 pm <hr/> Grades 3-8 5:00 pm - 7 pm	Grades K-2 Grades 3-4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	K-2 \$25 Grades 3-8 \$35	Ellington High School
Jukido Instructor: Paul Ward	SUMER.JUK14	July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7, 14, 21	5:30 pm -6:45 pm	Grades 6 & up	\$30 or \$6 per class	Vernon Community Bldg 375 Hartford Turnpike
UK International Soccer Camp	UKSC.62327 UKSC.81822	June 23 through 27 August 18 through 22	4:30 pm-5:30 pm 6:00 pm-7:30 pm 4:30 pm-7:30 pm	3-4 yrs old 5-6 yrs old 7-16 yrs old	\$ 60 \$ 70 \$105	Brookside Park
Basketball Camp	0916.BB12G12 0916.BB14G24 0916.BB58G58	July 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (snack/drink provided)	8:00 am-9:30 am 8:00 am-11:00 am 11:30 am-2:30 pm	Grades 1-2 Grades 2-4 Grades 5-8	\$35 \$80 \$80	Middle School

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PROGRAM	ID CODE	DATES	TIMES	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Tiny Tot Tennis Lessons	TINY.TTTT TINY.TTTU TINY.TTTV	Session T: June 3, 5, 10, 12 Session U: June 24, 26, July 1, 8 Session V: July 15, 17, 22, 24	5:30-6:00 pm	4-6 years on first day of session	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
Pee Wee Tennis Lessons	PEE.PWET PEE.PWEU PEE.PWEV	Session T: June 3, 5, 10, 12 Session U: June 24, 26, July 1, 8 Session V: July 15, 17, 22, 24	6:00-6:45 pm	7-9 years on first day of session	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
Youth Beginner Tennis Lessons	YUTH.TENT YUTH.TENU YUTH.TENV	Session T: June 3, 5, 10, 12 Session U: June 24, 26, July 1, 8 Session V: July 15, 17, 22, 24	6:45-7:45 pm	10-16 years on first day of session	\$50 per session	Brookside Park
Adult Beginner Tennis Lessons	0205.ASTBG 0205.ASTBH	Session G: May 29, June 5, 12, 19 Rain date July 3 Session H: July 10, 17, 24, 31 Rain date August 7	6:00-7:00 pm	Adult	\$35 per session	Schwartz Park 37 Maple St
Adult Intermediate Tennis Lessons	ADLT.ITLG ADIT.ITLH	Session G: May 29, June 5, 12, 19 Rain date July 3 Session H: July 10, 17, 24, 31 Rain date August 7	7:00-8:00 pm	Adult	\$35 per session	Schwartz Park 37 Maple St
Adult Cardio Tennis	ACTN.619G ACTN.724H	Session G: May 28, June 4, 11, 18 Rain date July 2 Session H: July 9, 16, 23, 30 Rain date August 6	9:00-10:00 am	Adult	\$30 per session	Schwartz Park 37 Maple St

USTA Junior Team Tennis ~ June 30 - August 4, 2014

Teams in three age groups (18U, 14U, and 10U) work on a higher level of development and play and compete against teams from Western Massachusetts in official USTA leagues. All teams end season with a weekend tournament in Forest Park, Springfield, MA. 18U and 14U tournaments are August 9-10. 10U tournament is August 16.

18U and 14U teams also have opportunity to take part in optional trip to Cape Cod the weekend of July 25-27 for fun, sun, and tennis on the Cape. *Additional charges are associated with this trip.*

- **18 and Under Team (18U):** Must be 18 or younger as of September 1, 2014. Practice is twice a week throughout season, typically midday (Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 – 12:30, subject to confirmation based on player availability) with 1-2 weeknight matches per week.
FEE: \$140 per player
- **14 and Under Team (14U):** Must be 14 or younger as of September 1, 2014. Practice is twice a week throughout season, typically midday (Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 – 2:00, subject to confirmation based on player availability) with 1-2 weeknight matches per week.
FEE: \$140 per player
- **10 and Under Team (10U):** Must be 10 or younger as of September 1, 2014. Practice is 1-2 times a week throughout season (typically early afternoon, but subject to confirmation based on player availability) with 1 weeknight match per week.
FEE: \$75 per player

Sign-ups solely for Ellington residents will be conducted through June 20. After that, sign-ups are open to all area players. Season ending Forest Park tournament rosters are subject to adjustment as winning teams have chances to advance in competition.



Hiking Club

Hiking Club is a year round program, pending weather conditions. Ellington Hiking Club meets on **Tuesday mornings 9:00 a.m. Arbor Park parking lot** before departing for that particular week's location.

Please register at the Recreation Office to be added to the e-mail contact list.



Soccer Travel Teams

Registration begins May 23, 2014. Deadline for registering for a travel team is based on the evaluation dates that are available. A player **must** attend a minimum of two evaluation clinics in order to be eligible for selection. All evaluations will be held at Brookside Park.

Age Group	Evaluation Clinic Dates	Time
U-8, 9, 10 Girls	June 14 & June 21 June 16 & June 24 June 25 Rain Date	9:00 - 10:00 am 5:00 - 6:00 pm 5:00 - 6:00 pm
U-8, 9, 10 Boys	June 14 June 15 June 29 July 7	9:00 - 10:15 am 6:00 - 7:15 pm 4:00 - 5:00 pm 4:00 - 5:00 pm
U-11-12 Boys	June 14 June 15 June 29 July 7	10:15 - 11:30 am 4:30 - 5:45 pm 5:00 - 6:15 pm 5:00 - 6:15 pm
U-11-12 Girls	June 14 & June 21 June 16 & June 24 June 25 Rain Date	10:00 - 11:00 am 6:00 - 7:00 pm 6:00 - 7:00 pm
U-13-14 Boys	June 13 June 14 June 29 July 7	6:00 - 7:15 pm 11:30 am - 12:45 pm 6:15 - 7:30 pm 6:15 - 7:30 pm
U-13-14 Girls	June 14 & June 21 June 16 & June 24 June 25 Rain Date	11:00 - 12 noon 7:00 - 8:00 pm 7:00 - 8:00 pm

CJSA Northeast District Roster Travel Team Guidelines

- A player's age group is determined as of August 1 preceding the beginning of the seasonal year of September 1.
- **To be considered for selection to a travel team, player must attend a minimum of 2 evaluation clinics.**
- Travel team rosters will be determined by Administration.
- Players selected to a travel team are not required to participate in the recreation division.
- A first-year travel team player must provide a copy of their birth certificate and a **1x1** photo (for player pass purposes).
- Travel Team Fees **must** be paid in full upon selection to a travel team, and in addition, a **\$25 uniform bond** is required. If the uniform is submitted to the respective coach at the conclusion of the season, the \$25 check will be returned.
- Travel Soccer alignment: In accordance with CJSA age relevant guidelines.
- Effective October 9, 2013 the Parks & Recreation Commission revamped the eligibility guidelines for qualifying for a travel soccer team, effective for Fall 2014.
- All participants must attend age appropriate evaluation sessions and **may no longer** attend an age group higher than his/her CJSA age dictates. *Example: U10 players may not attend a U 11-12 evaluation.*

Boys & Girls Soccer
Travel Division Levels

Fee: \$75.00

▪ Division 3, 4, 5	U12 and U14
▪ Division 4, 5	U10 and U9
<i>Division 3 High level experience</i>	
<i>Division 4 Competitive Level</i>	
<i>Division 5 Recreational, yet competitive</i>	

The current Parks & Recreation Commission policy holds the following provision: Players that are selected to travel soccer teams for the fall 2014 season in Division 3, 4 or 5 levels, and who register by the defined deadline for spring soccer 2015, are eligible to return to their existing team for spring soccer, provided that particular team is enrolled in the spring 2015 schedule. Players, where eligible, who wish to receive a rating (spring soccer evaluations) in order to move up a division, must attend a minimum of one spring evaluation. Otherwise, to qualify for a fall travel team (at divisional levels of 3 or 4) a player is required at a minimum of two evaluation sessions. Players are not allowed to wear jewelry during a practice or match.

TRAVEL TEAM SOCCER

Age Groups for Seasonal Year
September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

U-14	Players born 8/1/00 and younger
U-13	Players born 8/1/01 and younger
U-12	Players born 8/1/02 and younger
U-11	Players born 8/1/03 and younger
U-10	Players born 8/1/04 and younger
U-9	Players born 8/1/05 and younger
U-8	Players born 8/1/06 and younger

Pantuosco Soccer Day Camp

will be run at Brookside Park and will feature local high school & college players/coaches

Dates: August 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Time: 5-7:30 pm Grades 3-8

Fee: \$100

\$10 family discount 2 or more in family

CODE: PANTU.CAMP14

2014 IN-HOUSE AND INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER REGISTRATIONS: Deadline is August 28**ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 8/28/2014 WILL BE BASED ON AVAILABLE ROSTER SPACE.**

Players selected to a travel team (COMP) do not have to participate on a recreation/travel team. There will be 3 divisions available: D-3, 4 and 5 (D-5 being the recreation/travel level). All players in U11-14 will be placed on either a D-3, 4, or 5 team. If a child does not attend a minimum of 2 evaluations, he/she will be assigned to a D-5 team unless an opening exists at a higher level.

Grade Levels	ID Code	Start Date	Times	Location
RECREATION FALL INSTRUCTIONAL SOCCER FEE: \$32.00				
3 & 4 yrs old boys & girls	90034.1026	September 6	11:00 am - 11:45 am	Brookside Park
Kindergarten boys & girls	900K.1026	September 6	11:00 am - 12:00 noon	Brookside Park
1st grade boys & girls	9001.1026	September 6	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Brookside Park
2nd grade boys & girls	9002.1026	September 6	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Brookside Park
RECREATIONAL FALL SOCCER FEES: \$30 for 1st child / \$48 for 2nd child / \$63 for 3 or more children				
3 rd & 4 th grade boys	90034.B0YS3	September 3	5:00-6:15 pm	Brookside Park
3 rd & 4 th grade girls	90034.GIRS3	September 3	5:00-6:15 pm	Brookside Park
5 th & 6 th grade boys	9056.B0YS56	5 th & 6 th grade girls	9056.GIRLS56	No Evaluations
7 th & 8 th grade boys	9078.B0YS78	7 th & 8 th grade girls	9078.GIRLS78	No Evaluations

2014 Fall In-House Soccer Program:

The Town of Ellington will combine efforts with UK International, a professional soccer/coaching club, in order to provide up-to-date and age appropriate coaching clinics to both new and returning youth coaches. UK International will assist coaches and players (instructional program) in learning beginner, intermediate and advanced soccer skills. Volunteers who step forward will be instructed in age appropriate soccer activities and receive recommendations on how to organize, teach and play various aspects of the game. Volunteers are still needed, please contact the Recreation office to register at (860) 870-3118.



**ELLINGTON ROADRUNNERS YOUTH
FOOTBALL / CHEERLEADING
Including Ellington, Somers, E. Windsor
Boys & Girls ages 6 to 13 (as of 7/1/14)**

A non-returnable copy of the child's birth certificate is required at registration. The fee is \$120 first child, \$80 each additional child in the same family. A \$50 refundable concession fee is also due at registration. Registration forms are available online. After May 17, registration fees are increased by \$10 and can be mailed to:

Ellington Roadrunners
P.O. Box 501

Ellington, CT 06029

contact David Race at Dsrace@gmail.com
ellingtonroadrunners.com

Excellence in baseball is our Goal! Come play with the best!

Cressotti Baseball School

in conjunction with the Recreation Department presents:

Summer Baseball: July 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

Ages 7-12 years - 9 am-12 pm @ Brookside Park

Cost: \$105 Code: CRESS.BBALL5

Bring your own glove, bat, snack and water bottle daily.

Tee Ball Fundamental Clinic: July 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

Ages 4-6 years ~ 9 am-10:15 am @ Brookside Park

Cost: \$55 Code: CRESS.TEBAL5

Bring your own glove and water bottle.

Email: cressottibaseball@cox.net

Zumba	Dates	Time	Location	Fee
Instructors: Tress Giordano and Joanne Britton	June 17, 19, 24, 26 July 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 August 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Ellington Senior Center 40 Maple Street	\$8 class/ or payment plan/ punch card



Summer Concert Series at Arbor Park: Due to the generosity of Ellington businesses and family patronage, our Summer Concert Series at Arbor Park will continue this year. The concerts will be staged at Arbor Park. The Parks & Recreation Department is still accepting donations to fund and sponsor this series of concerts. Donations will be accepted at the concert events. Concerts postponed due to inclement weather will be rescheduled based on the availability of the musical group.

Rockin Robin Dave Mindell June 29 6:00-7:30 pm	The <i>Rockin' Robin</i> , <i>Dave Mindell</i> is known in New England as an energetic performer who excites his audiences singing top ten hits from the 50's, 60's, and 70's and more! Songs such as "At the Hop", "Peggy Sue", "All Shook Up", "Sweet Caroline", "Sugar, Sugar" and more. May cause the children at Arbor Park to want to dance with their parents and grandparents. What a beautiful sight!! Please go to therockinrobinonline.com to see exciting moment's from past shows.
Cover 2 Cover July 13 6:00-7:30 pm	<i>Cover 2 Cover</i> is one of CT's most recognized bands playing all the hits from 60's, 70's, 80's and more. You will hear the sounds of Chicago, Van Morrison, Elvis, Elton John, Billy Joel, the Beatles...and more. <i>Cover 2 Cover</i> is one of Connecticut's most enjoyable bands for all ages and has been entertaining throughout CT and MA, as well as a perennial favorite on Block Island!
Off the Clock July 20 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Rob Thomas and <i>Off the Clock</i> bring their band of acoustic rock with rich vocal harmonies back for the 5th straight year. Come out and sing along to the sounds of the 60's, 70's and beyond. The group has built a large repertoire of classics from artists such as CSN, The Eagles, James Taylor, Neil Young, the Beatles, Steve Miller, The WHO, Incubus, Stone Temple Pilots, U2 and Pearl Jam. The band has been playing since 2000, including private parties, clubs and theaters throughout CT and Western Mass. Visit their website at offtheclockband.com .
Kenn Morr Band July 27 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Singer/songwriter <i>Kenn Morr</i> is celebrating the release of his 7th album "After Image". Kenn's music has been played over 40 radio stations in the U.S. and Europe. Bob Dylan's brand of acoustic rock is referenced by Kenn's low persuasive tones and traces of John Mellencamp are recognizable in the songs heartfelt quality and accessibility. The lyrics address universal themes such as love, fear, cautiousness and curiosity and speak to everyone.
Paul Recker & Jim Harkins August 3 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<i>Paul Recker</i> , an accomplished guitarist, engaging singer and frequent guest at the Arbor Park series is teaming up with Coventry musician, <i>Jim Harkins</i> . Jim is known for his rhythmical guitar style, combining bass with chords for full-sounding, unique arrangements. Together they present a concert featuring a mix of songs the whole family can enjoy; songs that tell stories, tap memories and touch the heart. Sing along, dance or just sit back and enjoy!
Pink Slip Tornado August 10 6:00 - 7:30 pm	<i>Pink Slip Tornado</i> is a five-piece band that drives that classic rock sound with an eclectic twist. Not settling for the same old two guitar/bass/keys/drum format, <i>Pink Slip Tornado</i> stretches the possibilities with additions of the recorder, sax and EWI (electronic wind instrument). With a diverse line-up of covers that include The Beatles, Talking Heads, Led Zeppelin, The Police, Buddy Guy, Inch Nails as well as their originals.

2014 Day Trips



These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland and Willington. Please register where you live at your local Recreation Department. Everyone else is welcome to register in any of those towns. The pick-up location for all others registering will be the commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68 in Tolland. Return times are approximate. No alcohol or glass items allowed on bus. More information visit our new website at parkrec.ellington-ct.gov or call the Parks and Recreation Department at (860) 870-3118.

Trip	Code	Dates	Time	Location	Fee
Bourne Scallop Festival	BOURNE.TRIP	September 20	Depart 8:00 am Return 9:30 pm	East Falmouth, MA	\$90
Strawberry, Chocolate and Wine Festival	WINE.FESTIVAL	October 18	Depart 10:00 am Return 8:00 pm	Baldwin Vineyards Pine Bush, NY	\$55

2014 SUMMER CAMP

Ellington's Ultimate Summer Camp Extravaganza!

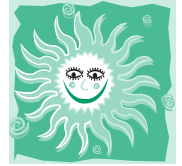
Ages 4-12 (Must be 4 Years old as of 12/31/13)




Must be potty Trained (*Strictly Enforced*) Location: Center School, 49 Main Street

Registration has begun online and in the office. Full-Day Campers need to bring lunch and a water bottle. Snacks will be provided. *Note: A reduction of \$10 per week (full/day/full week camper) for 2nd and 3rd children in the same household.*



Program	Hours	Fees
Full Day	8:30 am- 2:30 pm	\$80 per child/week (\$16/day)
Half Day Mornings	8:30 am - Noon	\$40 per child/week (\$8/day)
Half Day Afternoons	Noon - 3:30 pm	\$40 per child/week (\$8/day)
Before Camp	7:30 am - 8:30 am	\$15 per child/week (\$3/day)
After Camp	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	\$35 per child/week (\$7/day)



Schedule	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1: June 23-27	Campardy: An introduction to camp and a time to meet the staff and volunteers and get to know one another	Backyard Sports: Bringing back some of the classic backyard games for the day.		Do you want to build a Snowman? Have a snowball fight in the summer, or try to build the best snowman!	Wet & Wild Pizza Party: Compete against other camp teams to see who's the best!
Week 2: June 30-July 3	Team Building: Compete against other camp teams to see who's the best of the best!	Garden Gnomes: Come start your very own plant at the day camp greenhouse!		Stars & Stripes: Celebrate the fourth of July at camp today!	<i>No Camp July 4th</i>
Week 3: July 7-11	Minute to Win It	Summer Olympics: Can you compete for the gold?		Day at the Beach: Camp will become a place for fun in the sun at our own private beach.	
Week 4: July 14-18	Summer in Paris: Campers will try to construct the Eiffel Tower using only marshmallows & toothpicks.	Sports Day: Wear your favorite team apparel to camp.	Crafty Corner/ Movie Madness Campers will have the opportunity to create an exciting craft (morning & afternoon sessions). There will be a morning movie and afternoon movie viewing tentatively at the Hall Memorial Library. Campers will need to be signed up at the camp to attend movie sessions.	Ellington Pride: Dress in your best Ellington apparel to show your camp pride!	
Week 5: July 21-25	Dance Party: Come to camp and dance your way through the games and activities.	Minute to Win It		Clue Day: Play a life size game of clue with your group to see who stole the birthday cake!	
Week 6: July 28-Aug. 1	Brainteasers: Time to turn those brains back on. Can you solve the puzzles that are hanging around camp?	Halloween Day: Wear your favorite costume and see how many treats you can get today!		Twin-kle Day: Who is your twin going to be for the day?	Wet & Wild Pizza Party: Pizza party and afternoon water activities every Friday. <i>There is a small additional cost per camper for the pizza party. Money is collected at camp.</i>
Week 7: August 4-8	Pajama Day 	Tough Camper Compete in the obstacle course relay to see if you are tough enough.		Spa & Relaxation: A day to take a deep breath and relax.	
Week 8: August 11-15	"Who-dun-it?" A day full of mysteries and clues.	Minute to Win It		Myth Busters: What kind of experiments can the crazy scientists come up with?	
Week 9: August 18-20	Fiesta: Enjoy a full day fiesta, including piñatas! Sombreros welcome!	Wacky Hair Day	Day Camp Talent Show!	<i>No Camp</i>	<i>No Camp</i>

Wall of Honor Nominee Application Deadline July 1, 2014

The Wall of Honor, located in Arbor Park, serves as a tribute to deserving citizens for exceptional contributions to the Town of Ellington, as noted in the Ellington Wall of Honor Policy. If you wish to nominate a candidate for this honor, please contact the First Selectman's Office at (860) 870-3100 for a copy of the policy and the application; or you can find these documents on our website at ellington-ct.gov; select "Our Town"; Select "Wall of Honor". Deadline for submission is July 1, 2014. Please note that if you submitted an application in 2011, 2012 or 2013 and it was not selected, it will be included in the pool of candidates for 2014.

The recipient's name will be engraved on the Wall of Honor and unveiled at a public ceremony in Arbor Park on September 6, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. prior to the Fire Department's Parade.

Litter! Let's Pick It Up!

The Department of Public Works has seen an increase in the amount of litter left behind by the users of Town facilities. Per Town Ordinance *"No person shall leave any refuse or trash in any recreational area except in receptacles provided for that purpose. Where no receptacles are provided, all such refuse or trash shall be properly disposed of outside the recreational areas."* We ask that all users of Town recreational areas collect and properly dispose of litter to keep Ellington beautiful.



Community Development: The Town of Ellington has received a grant from the Connecticut Department of Housing to make no-interest loans for the rehabilitation of residential properties in Ellington for low income residents. To determine if you are eligible, please call the Community Development Office at (860) 870-3132 or visit the Town website at ellington-ct.gov. 2014 Household Income Limits are below.

1	2	3	4
\$44,750	\$51,150	\$57,550	\$63,900
5	6	7	8
\$69,050	\$74,150	\$79,250	\$84,350



Summer Market
Saturdays 9 am to Noon
May 10 through October 18
Arbor Park, Main Street
Over 35 vendors, weekly themes
and entertainment.



Contact: Dianne Trueb (860) 872-0121
Email: ellingtonfarmersmarket@gmail.com
Visit our website at ellingtonfarmersmarket.com
We're blogging at ellingtonfarmersmarket.wordpress.com

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps Announces Awards

Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps is proud to announce the following awards:

40 Years of Service

Angie Sandberg Ray Close

10 Years of Service

Bruce Hoffman Greg York Becky York

5 Years of Service

Eric Thepsiri Joe Glomboske

Volunteer of the Year

Matt Lontz

Town Hall Hours:

Monday

8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Holiday Schedule

The Town Offices and the Library will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, May 26 - **Memorial Day***

Friday, July 4 - **Independence Day***

Monday, September 1 - **Labor Day***

**There will be a one day delay in trash collection for these holidays.*

The Library will also be closed

Sunday, May 11 - **Mother's Day**

Sunday, May 25 - **Memorial Day**

and will suspend Sunday hours for the summer beginning May 25.

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